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AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1807.

The late snow storms have had an unusually severe effect, the season considered, on the north-western parts of the island, occasioning the face of the country to wear a truly wintry appearance, but no material damage has been done to the crops, which continue to look strong and healthy.

Both the turnips and grasses have continued to improve, and the former, on a general average, may be estimated at somewhat more than half a full crop. The sainfoin, on those soils where it is cultivated, has been a vast resource this autumn.

Most of the live stock still abroad, and a number of farmers over-done with it, considering the quantity of winter keep; nor is it readily turned into money, at the prices required. All kinds of live stock heavy of sale, excepting horses, which are dearer than by the former accounts.

All hands busily employed in the labour proper to the seasons; ploughing in some few parts, finishing wheat sowing, water furrowing, draining, hedging and ditching, &c. There is great spirit and energy throughout the country, and numerous improvements are in the course of experiment. The fen counties to the eastward are great examples of improvement, and their crops this year have turned out the most successful of any in the country.

Smithfield, Beef, 3s. 0d. to 5s. Mutton, 2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. Veal, 3s. to 6s. 0d. Lamb, 3s. to 6s. Pork, 2s. 6d. to 6s. 8d. Bacon, 6s. to 6s. 4d. Irish, 3s. 6d. to 4s. Fat 4s. 1d.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

The seasonable rains we had in the early part of the preceding month rendered the sowing of wheats on strong tilths and whole lands practicable, making good work; and that business is now nearly completed in most well-managed districts, where the wheats, rye, and winter tares above ground look healthy and well.—The after maths and pastures still afford a tolerable bite to the young and store cattle; keeping them out of the yards, saving much fodder.—Feeding sheep have been put to turnips, and in the fen counties to coleseed, and do well..—Fatling beasts, which were not finished at grass, have been taken to the stalls to be made fit for market, with turnips, ground corn and hay, oil cake, or such provender as the farmer can conveniently procure them; but cake never was known so dear as at this time, being in many places fourteen guineas per ton.—But little variation has taken place in the prices of lean stock, which still continue very low; and from the recent continuance of wet weather many rotten sheep have been found in the flocks feeding on wet commons and low pastures.—The winter operations of ploughing for barley, carrying out manure on the grass lands, ditching, &c. are for the present suspended by the late extreme wet.

PRICE OF GRAIN.

	ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Wheat	65	9	64	0
Rye	45	3	42	9
Barley	38	11	35	5
Oats	28	1	28	2
Beans	54	1	57	8
Peas	72	8	55	5
Oatmeal	44	6	24	1
Bigg	—	—	29	10

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